

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

**12:00 Noon**

**Room 307 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce and Wenke.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Bieda and Ward.

**Representative Clemente** moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Representative Clemente** moved to adopt the minutes of the **February 6, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Corriveau** laid **HB 4313** before the committee:

HB 4313	Corriveau	Public employees and officers; ethics; lobbying by former legislators and executive branch officers; prohibit for 1 year after leaving state service.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Corriveau**, sponsor of HB 4313, explained his bill to the committee.

**Robert LaBrant**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Rich Robinson**, representing the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Patricia Donath**, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

**John Chamberlain**, representing the Common Cause in Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

**Chris Thomas**, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified indicating neutrality on the bill.

**Robert LaBrant**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, answered questions from Chairman Corriveau.

**Lynn Jondahl**, representing himself, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Representative Pearce** offered the following amendments to **HB 4313**:

1. Amend page 1, line 4, after “**LOBBYING**” by inserting “**THAT IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS THE MONETARY THRESHOLD REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING AS A LOBBYIST AGENT**”.

2. Amend page 2, line 1, after “**LOBBYING**” by inserting “**THAT IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS THE MONETARY THRESHOLD REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING AS A LOBBYIST AGENT**”.

3. Amend page 2, line 8, after “lobbying” by inserting “**THAT IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS THE MONETARY THRESHOLD REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING AS A LOBBYIST AGENT**”.

**Representative Pearce** moved to adopt the amendments.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **2-4-0**.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Pearce and Wenke,

Nays: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan and Hammon,

Pass: None.

**Representative Clemente** moved to report **HB 4313** with recommendation.

**Chairman Corriveau** placed the committee at ease at 1:03 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Corriveau, Clemente, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce and Wenke,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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**Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
68 Minutes